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SUBJECT: JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE DISCUSSES
ECONOMIC SUMMIT

1. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR HIDEO KITAHARA CALLED ON ME
MONDAY AFTERNOON AT HIS REQUEST, AND, AS EXPECTED,
FOCUSED MAINLY ON THE NOVEMBER 15-17 SUMMIT.

2. AMBASSADOR KITAHARA ASKED FOR MY VIEWS ON WHAT
FRENCH HOPED TO ACCOMPLISH AT ECONOMIC SUMMIT. I GAVE
HIM OUR VIEWS ABOUT GISCARD'S QUEST FOR AN INTERNATIONAL
LEADERSHIP IMAGE AS WELL AS SOME SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES IN
THE MONETARY AREA AS OUTLINED IN A SEPARATE PARIS TELE-
GRAM SENT JUST BEFORE THIS ONE. KITAHARA SAID HE AGREED
WITH OUR ANALYSIS, AND INDICATED THAT THE JAPANESE GOV-
ERNMENT TOOK A VERY POSITIVE VIEW OF THE SUMMIT EVEN
THOUGH IT MEANT THAT PRIME MINISTER MIKI WILL HAVE TO BE
ABSENT FROM TOKYO JUST AS THE PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET
DEBATE BEGINS HEATING UP. HE SAID THE SUMMIT IS IMPOR-
TANT FOR JAPAN BECAUSE IT REPRESENTS THE GOJ'S FIRST
PARTICIPATION IN SUCH A US-EUROPEAN EVENT SINCE BEFORE
THE SECOND WORLD WAR, AND BECAUSE THE JAPANESE BUSINESS
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COMMUNITY COULD BENEFIT FROM THE PSYCHOLOGICAL STIMULUS

WHICH COMES FROM THE VERY FACT THAT THE SUMMIT IS TAKING PLACE. HE INSISTED, HOWEVER, THAT PRIME MINISTER MIKI WILL BE WORKING HARD TO MAKE SURE THAT CONCRETE RESULTS COME OUT OF THE CONFERENCE, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS.

3. AMBASSADOR KITAHARA SAID HE HAD HEARD FROM FRENCH GOVERNMENT SOURCES THAT ASPECTS OF THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL MEETING ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION MIGHT BE DISCUSSED ON THE PERIPHERY OF THE RAMBOUILLET SUMMIT. SPECIFICALLY, HE SAID THE QUESTION OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES' CO-CHAIRMAN APPEARED TO BE A PROBLEM. I TOLD HIM THAT WE HAD HEARD THE SAME ECHOES, ESPECIALLY THAT THE GOF MIGHT BE OPPOSED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S CANDIDACY BECAUSE THEY WANT TO MAKE AMENDS TO CANADA FOR THE LATTER'S EXCLUSION FROM THE SUMMIT. I STRESSED THAT NOTWITHSTANDING GOF VIEWS, USG WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER TO BE NAMED CO-CHAIRMAN. AMBASSADOR KITAHARA ASSURED ME THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS IN COMPLETE SUPPORT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AS MINISTERIAL CO-CHAIRMAN BECAUSE THAT IS THE ONLY WAY WE CAN EXPECT DECEMBER CONFERENCE TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING.
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